

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 15-19 and 22 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 5 are amended. Claims 4, 20 and 21 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein. New claim 22 is added.

On pages 3-4, the Office Action rejects claims 1-8 and 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0096994 to Iwafuchi et al. (hereinafter "Iwafuchi"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 4 is canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein. Claim 5 is amended to depend directly from claim 1.

Claim 1, from which claims 2, 3, 5-8 and 15-19 depend, recites that each of a plurality of chips has a plurality of first connection terminals on a same face of each of the plurality of chips. It is respectfully submitted that Iwafuchi does not disclose the above-quoted subject matter from the rejected claims, in combination with the other subject matter recited therein.

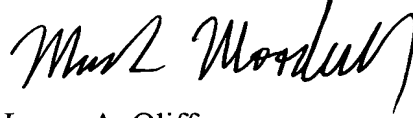
For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1-8 and 15-19 as being anticipated by Iwafuchi be withdrawn.

New claim 22 is allowable based at least on its dependence from claim 1 for the reasons stated above in connection with the rejection of claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-3, 5-8, 15-19 and 22 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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